

Marshfield and Plainfield Energy and Climate Change committee - Subcommittee meeting to discuss and work on the Town Plan

June 12th, 2017

Old Schoolhouse Common, downstairs kitchen

Committee members In attendance: Michael Horowicz, Nick Seifert, Anne Miller, Becky Wigg

Proposed Agenda copied from June 5th main committee meeting:

- Prep for the meeting by reviewing:
 - Marshfield town plan
([http://www.town.marshfield.vt.us/vertical/sites/%7BDE838A07-5D57-4E6F-95DF-7C05B7FB1126%7D/uploads/TownPlan_as_adopted_091812\(2\).pdf](http://www.town.marshfield.vt.us/vertical/sites/%7BDE838A07-5D57-4E6F-95DF-7C05B7FB1126%7D/uploads/TownPlan_as_adopted_091812(2).pdf)), chapters 5 and 6
 - Review the Marshfield Energy Data
(<http://centralvtplanning.org/programs/energy/municipal-energy-planning/>)
 - Review (or start to review) the recommendations and determination standards from the public service board (<http://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/act-174-recommendations-and-determination-standards>)
 - Michael will reach out to regional planning commission for an example town plan that meets Act 174. He will have this for the meeting on the 12th.
- Michael raised the question about if anyone has spoken to the selectboard about trying to get substantial deference and if this is OK and supported.
 - The suggestion is to bring a proposal to the selectboard once we have something a bit more concrete (after June 12th meeting, ideally)
 - Should we try to talk to the Selectboard at their June 20th meeting, If the meeting goes well on the 12th.
- Michael suggests things to do:
 - Review the town plan (the whole thing, but especially the Energy and Transportation sections)
- Becky suggests asking for a current copy of the “working” town plan from the Planning Commission.
- Anne suggested getting a copy of a “good” town plan from the Central VT Regional Planning Commission

- Michael mentioned that the dynamics and roles between the PC and the EC needs to be clear so that the entire plan is consistent.
- Wes pointed out the goals in chapter 6 of the 2012 town plan and suggested some changes.
 - Discussion about this mentioned that this would be helpful, but not necessarily needed to address the Act 174 requirements.
- Find the abridged version of guidance for municipal enhanced energy planning standards - Here:

http://publicservice.vermont.gov/sites/dps/files/documents/Pubs_Plans_Reports/Act_174/Municipal%20Standards_Abridged_Final.pdf

 - Note that in the abridged link above the greyed out areas are essentially already completed by the centralvtplanning.org link
 - The full version of this document is here:

http://publicservice.vermont.gov/sites/dps/files/documents/Pubs_Plans_Reports/Act_174/Municipal%20Guidance_Final.pdf
- Outline of what is required
 - Overview / outline of Energy Section and what is in it
 - Analysis and Targets - This is the energy data link above from centralvtplanning.org
 - Implementation - Pathways to get to the targets
 - Does the plan have elements for Conservation and efficiency
 - “ “ transportation energy and reduction
 - ...Statement of policy on patterns and densities of land use likely to result in conservation of energy
 - ...Statement of policy on the development and siting of renewable energy resources
- This is all covered in the above abridged version of the Act 174 standards
- The plan is for a period of X years. How many? This influences what pathways and ideas are considered or not.
- Anne mentioned that we should consider including the town zoning map.
- For The PC meeting on 6/15:
 - Michael and Wes volunteered to speak for this
 - The EC thinks we should try to get substantial deference (Act 174)
 - We don't have a solid plan, but we will in a few weeks/month, lots of work to do this. Tentatively aiming for end of August to have a draft.

- We'd like to review the resource maps with the PC.
 - Also the zoning map
- For the Selectboard meeting on 6/20:
 - Michael and Nick and Wes will go to the Selectboard meeting.
 - Summarize Act 174 so that they're aware of what is in it.
 - Update town plan to obtain Substantial Deference per Act 174.
 - Any concerns from the selectboard about this?

Actions:

- Next planned meeting is June 26th at 7:00pm. This needs to be warned and announced.
- Various folks to attend Planning Commission meeting on 6/15
 - Nick has emailed Melissa Seifert about getting on the agenda
- Various folks to attend the Selectboard meeting on 6/20
 - Nick will email Bobbi to get on the agenda
- Assignments:
 - Nick to tackle the "Analysis and Target Standards" section of the abridged plan above.
 - Michael to tackle "pathway 6" - Does your plan's energy element contain a statement of policy on the conservation and efficient use of energy?
 - Wes to tackle "pathway 7" - Does your plan's energy element contain a statement of policy on reducing transportation energy demand and single-occupancy vehicle use, and encouraging use of renewable or lower emission energy sources for transportation?
 - Anne to tackle "pathway 8" - Does your plan's energy element contain a statement of policy on patterns and densities of land use likely to result in conservation of energy?